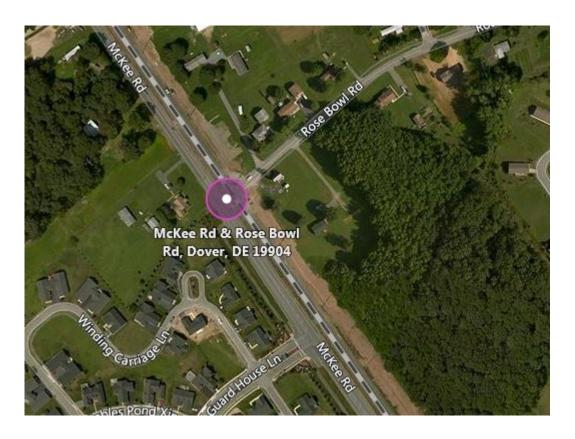
Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash with Bicyclist-Dover



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Dover— The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred late last night involving a car and a bicycle.

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred around 11:48 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 2017 as an unknown driver operating a dark sedan southbound on McKee Road approached Kevin S. Freese, 52 of Dover, who was riding his bicycle in the same direction. The vehicle approached the bicycle from the rear and struck the bicycle's rear tire which caused the victim to be ejected and come to rest on the grassy shoulder along the southbound lane. The dark sedan fled the

scene in a southern direction.

Kevin S. Freese, who was not wearing a bicycle helmet was transported to the Bayhealth Kent General Hospital Emergency Room where he succumbed to his injuries. Freese did not have on reflective clothing and his bicycle did not have a light on the front or rear. It is unknown if alcohol was a factor in this collision.

McKee Road in the area of the collision was closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. If anyone may have witnessed this crash or has any knowledge of the crash they are asked to contact Sergeant J. Wheatley of the Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-697-4454. Information may also be provided by calling <u>Delaware Crime Stoppers</u> at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at <u>www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com</u>, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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